

PRESS RELEASE

NORMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

FATALITY COLLISION

UPDATE: February 21, 2012

Investigators have identified the drivers in yesterday's fatality collision. Officers arrested and booked into the county jail the driver of the Dodge Ram pickup--Mark Allen Peters, age 53 of Noble, Oklahoma--for Manslaughter in the First Degree, Obstructing an Officer, and Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance. Police identified the deceased female, who was driving a Toyota Sequoyah, as Safari Belay McDoulett, age 36 of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Preliminary information indicates that McDoulett was not wearing a seatbelt, which may have contributed to her being totally ejected from her vehicle. The investigation of this incident remains on-going by members of the Norman Police Collision Investigation and Reconstruction Team (CIRT).

ORIGINAL: On February 20, 2012 at approximately 6:29 PM. Norman Police received a call of an injury accident involving two vehicles in the area of 120th Avenue and State Highway 9. Norman Police Officers along with Norman Fire Department and EMS Stat, responded to the scene.

Norman Police confirmed that a female driver in one of the vehicles was deceased at the scene. The identity of the female has not yet been released pending next of kin notification. The accident is currently under investigation by the Norman Police Collision Investigation and Reconstruction Team (CIRT). Norman Police we assisted at the scene by deputies from the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office and rangers from the Thunderbird State Park.

Highway 9 is expected to be blocked for the next several hours. Drivers are encouraged to avoid the area. Traffic is being detoured south on 120th and 108th to Post Oak.